**श्री अजीत जोगी** : लगता है कि इनकी खुराना साहब से नहीं पटती ।

**श्री कैलाश नारायण सारंग** : तुम्हारी दिग्विजय सिंह से नहीं पट रही क्यों ?

SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: Sir, it is a fact that Delhi suffers from shortage of power and, naturally, during summer months when the demand increases, DESU has to resort to certain load-shedding and also restriction on power supply to agriculture, and I think it is inevitable till such time we attain self-sufficiency. As regards the proposal for an Electricity Board, that is under consideration and a decision will be taken soon... *(Interruptions)* ...

**श्री ओम प्रकाश कोहली** : सभापति महोदय, मैं मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहूंगा कि 1992–93 और 1993–94 का जो वर्ष चल रहा है, इसमें बिजली की कुल चोरी की कितना मात्रा है, उसका कोई अनुमान इनके पास है या नहीं और बिजली की चोरी को रोकने के लिए प्रभावकारी कदम उठाने की इनकी कोई योजना है ? अगर है तो ऐसे कौन से कदम है ?

SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU: Sir, we do not have a figure for thefts as such, but we have figures about transmission and distribution losses, which are around 21.85 per-cent in 1992-93.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Well, it can wait now. The Question Hour is over.

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## WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

### Expansion and modernisation of TV and Radio Network

*223. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) how much subsidy was being given to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting for expanding and modernising TV and radio network;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a big chunk of subsidy has withdrawn when a lot of work is required to be done in this field; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) how this withdrawal has affected the expansion and modernisation programme of the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No subsidy is being given to the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting for its Plan schemes for expansion and modernisation of TV and Radio Network. However, an outlay of Rs. 1134.95 Crores for All India Radio and Rs. 2300.00 Crores for Doordarshan has been approved for the VIII Five Year Plan. Against the total outlay of Rs. 3434.95 Crores, a budgetary support of Rs. 232.95 Crores is expected to be provided by the Government for funding the Plan schemes of these media units.

(b) and (c) Whereas about 80 per cent of the Plan outlay was met through budgetary support till the Seventh Plan, only 20 per cent of the Plan outlay during the Eighth Plan would be met from this source. For the rest, funds will have to be found from extra budgetary sources. In view of this, the various Plan schemes of this Ministry, including those relating to the expansion and modernisation of the electronic media are being reprioritised.

### Suspension of purchase of cotton by CCI

*227. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) has been instructed to suspend further purchase of cotton in North India;